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BEFORE THE  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Application of Dahlberg Light and Power Company,  
as an Electric Public Utility, for Authority to Increase  
Electric Rates

1510-ER-102

**NOTICE OF INVESTIGATION AND ASSESSMENT OF COSTS  
AND TELEPHONIC HEARING**

On September 17, 1997, the Dahlberg Light and Power Company, as an electric public utility, filed an application with the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (Commission) under ss. 196.03, 196.20, and 196.37, Stats., for authority to increase electric rates.

Dahlberg Light and Power Company requests a rate increase, which will produce a 14.25 percent rate of return on net investment rate base. Dahlberg Light and Power Company cites increases in operating expenses and the value of its utility plant, since its last rate case in 1991, as the primary reasons for needing this increase.

Upon review of Dahlberg Light and Power Company's filing, Commission staff has proposed an overall increase in revenues of 9.23 percent. If Commission staff's proposal is approved, an average urban residential customer's bill would increase 13.2 percent, from \$40.17 to \$45.27, monthly, based on an average monthly usage of 570 kWh. Commission staff's proposal also includes a 7.8 percent increase for an average rural residential customer's bill, from \$51.19 to \$55.17, monthly, based on an average monthly usage of 670 kWh. Commission staff's proposal also includes a 12.0 percent increase for the urban general service commercial customers, an 8.9 percent increase for the rural general service commercial customers, and a 10.8 percent increase for the large power customers. These percentages represent the impact for an average customer in these rate classes. Individual customer bill impacts will differ from these percentages depending upon each customer's electric usage.

Dahlberg Light and Power Company is responsible for giving notice to its customers of the filing of its application with the Commission, and, pursuant to s. PSC 2.73, Wis. Adm. Code, for producing proof of such notice at the hearing.

This is a Type III action under s. PSC 4.10 (3), Wis. Adm. Code. No unusual circumstances suggesting the likelihood of significant environmental consequences have come to the Commission's attention. Neither an environmental impact statement under s. 1.11, Stats., nor an environmental assessment is required.

**NOTICE IS GIVEN** that the Commission will investigate this matter and hold a public hearing on May 26, 1998, at 10:00 a.m. This will be a telephonic hearing conducted from two sites. Dahlberg Light and Power Company will provide a room for customer participation in the offices of Dahlberg Light and Power Company located at 9221 East Main Street, Solon Springs, Wisconsin. Customers may call Dahlberg Light and Power Company at (715) 378-2205 for further details on the location of the hearing room. This building is accessible to people in wheelchairs. Commission staff will participate from the Amnicon Falls Hearing Room in the Public Service Commission Building, 610 North Whitney Way, Madison, Wisconsin. This building is accessible to people in wheelchairs through the Whitney Way first floor entrance (lobby). Parking for people with disabilities is available on the south side of the building. Any person with a disability who needs additional accommodations at the Public Service Commission Building should contact Richard Teslaw, General Services Assistant, at (608) 267-9766.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that this matter is considered to be a Class 1 proceeding as defined in s. 227.01(3)(a), Stats.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the Commission considers it necessary in order to carry out its duties to investigate the books, accounts, practices and activities of the Applicant. The expenses incurred or to be incurred by the Commission which are reasonably attributable to the investigation will be assessed against and collected from the Applicant, in accordance with the provisions of s. 196.85, Stats., and ch. PSC 5, Wis. Adm. Code.

If there are any questions regarding hearing scheduled in this notice, please call the Examining Division at (608) 266-1261.

Other questions regarding this matter may be directed to Michael Ritsema at (608) 267-9296 or Jerry Albrecht at (608) 267-5111.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, \_\_\_\_\_

For the Commission.

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Administrator  
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